



PATENT APPLICATION

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Koji KATANO

Group Art Unit: 1726

Application No.: 10/591,036

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For: CONTROL APPARATUS AND CONTROL METHOD FOR FUEL CELL

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the January 5, 2011 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representative by Examiner Lee during the March 15, 2011 interview. Applicant's separate record of a summary of the substance of the interview is detailed below.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 10 are pending in this application. Applicant appreciates the withdrawal of the previous prior art rejection over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0157383 to Takahashi in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,632,552 to Yamanashi, based on the persuasive arguments made in Applicant's last response.

The Office Action, on page 3, rejects claims 1, 5, 6 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over newly-applied U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0027024 to Iio et al. (hereinafter "Iio") in view of Yamanashi. The Office Action, on page 5, rejects claims 3 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Iio in